

**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners
October 13, 2004**

Teleconference Minutes

A teleconference for the Board of Medical Examiners was held at 10:15 a.m. in the Cumberland Room located on the Ground Floor of the Cordell Hull State Office Building on October 13, 2004.

Members in attendance electronically: Dr. Charles White

Member in attendance: Drs. Barbara Engelhardt and Subhi Ali

Staff Present: Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director;
Robert J. Kraemer, Jr., General Counsel;
Sandra Powell, Administrator, Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager

A teleconference was held to summarily suspend the medical license of Lorenzo Nichols, III, MD on October 5, 2004. This meeting was held to hear the response of Dr. Nichols to the allegations.

A roll call of the panel was held to determine if each participant could hear the response of the other. Dr. Ali made a motion to proceed to conduct the meeting electronically and Dr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held to accept the motion and the motion was adopted unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Ali to proceed to conduct the meeting electronically by determining that the matter to be discussed met the following requirements: The subject matter required timely action, the physical presence of all members was not possible considering the period of time required for action, and the participation by some or all of the members of the board by electronic or other means was necessary. Dr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held to accept the motion and the motion was adopted unanimously. Ms. Arnold reminded members to please identify themselves when speaking and turned the meeting over to Mr. Kraemer from the Office of General Counsel.

Mr. Kraemer addressed the panel and stated the meeting would not continue because Dr. Nichols had failed to appear. Mr. Dan Warlick was in attendance and requested to make a statement for the record saying Dr. Nichols had requested Mr. Randy Rogers, attorney, to file a formal response. He went on to say Dr. Nichols and Mr. Rogers had received the notice of summary suspension and that neither of them appeared before the panel today.

Dr. Engelhardt asked if the costs of pulling this hearing together would be charged to Dr. Nichols at a future date. Mr. Kraemer stated that the charges would be assessed if the panel that hears the contested case wishes to add the charges to the total bill.

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